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For: METHOD FOR OPERATING AN IN-LINE  
COATING INSTALLATION

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March 22, 2004

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows